



**MAYOR DICK MURPHY
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on, February 18, 2004, hosted by the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation located at 401 B Street, Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members present: Dr. Hui Cai, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Dr. Martha Dennis, Charles Holland, Susan Myrland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts, and Maurice Wilson. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Dr. Tom Dillon, Vicki Marion, Kasey Phimmason, Richard Polanco Jr., Scott Randall, Carrie Stone, and Julie Meier Wright. Others Present: Ms. Lauree Sahba with Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Joe Panetta and Ms. April Bailey with BIOCUM. Mr. Jeff Klein with SAIC. Community & Economic Development Department staff members, Toni Dillon, Tina Hines, Ana Maria Jaramillo, and Jeff Kawar.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** December 3, 2003.
(MOTION/Orion/Corlett/UNANIMOUS)

IV. **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

- A. Staff Report: Ana Maria Jaramillo stated that a renewed effort to identify a location for the proposed Ward Valley Project, a radio active waste facility has commenced. Jaramillo affirmed that lack of a radio active waste facility is not only a local, but a regional concern. The City's Waste Management, Governmental Relations Department, and trade associations such as BIOCUM are involved in the dialogue regarding this issue. Jaramillo offered to invite Andrew Poat, Director of the Governmental Relations Department to give more information about the status of Ward Valley at a future meeting.

In addition, Jaramillo mentioned the committee meetings held with San Diego Fire Department and Environmental Health and Safety company representatives. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for representatives from both groups to discuss regulatory standards and issues.

- B. Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity Follow-on Study Contract: Ms. Tyler Orion described the SD Regional Technology Alliance's (RTA) second Waitt Family Foundation Grant (Grant). This Grant's objective is to assess the effectiveness of allocated resources by various organizations whose mission is digital inclusion. As a result of the Commission's recommendation, RTA has been contracted by the City of San Diego to examine and frame the opportunity cost of the digital divide to local economic prosperity. According to Ms. Ang, lead on both projects, survey results are being analyzed and a final report will be available within the next couple of months.
- C. Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity (STEP) Contract: Toni Dillon detailed the Commission's approval of a contract amount of \$15,000. Mr. Doug Henton with Collaborative Economics has been selected to facilitate the STEP Forum and to write a final report. Mr. Henton's final report will incorporate results from the SDSU survey, the

SANDAG Economic Briefing report and responses from STEP Forum participants. The Commission would like to present the final report to the City's Rules Committee.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. STEP Committee: Dillon stated that the Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity (STEP) Forum will be held from 9:00A.M. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 15, 2004. Key executives from science and technology trade associations and local companies will be invited to attend. The STEP Committee will choose either SDSU facilities or the SANDAG Boardroom as the forum location.
- C. Digital Inclusion Workgroup: Mr. Maurice Wilson stated that the Technology Expo event that was held in the Martin Luther King Center at Bayview Baptist Church was a success. He mentioned that Commissioners Susan Myrland and Tyler Orion were nominated to receive an award for their involvement in bridging the digital divide in the African American community.

Dr. Dennis stated that this subcommittee will resume meetings when the Digital Inclusion Economic Prosperity Follow-on study has been completed.

V. PRESENTATION

- A. Life Science Industry in San Diego. Mr. Joe Panetta, President and CEO of BIOCOM, develop techniques and products such as medicines, vaccines, therapies, diagnostics, industrial and agricultural products. He stated that the Life Science Industry is composed of the following types of firms; 1.) Research and Development; 2.) Biotechnology; 3.) Diagnostics; 4.) Pharmaceuticals; 5.) Services; 6.) Medical Devices; 7.) Business.

Mr. Panetta stated that many cities, states, and world governments are eager to attract companies from the Life Science Industry because they enlarge the tax base and stimulate business activity in a region. Industry standards estimated that each life science job generates six related jobs.

Mr. Panetta noted the following twelve geographic areas as biotech hotbeds 1.) San Francisco; 2.) Boston; 3.) San Diego; 4.) Mid-Atlantic; 5.) North Carolina; 6.) New Jersey; 7.) Pacific Northwest; 8.) New York State; 9.) L.A./Orange County; 10.) Midwest; 11.) Texas; 12.) Phil. /Del.

He concluded that San Diego is the third largest area for the location of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. San Diego offers essential drivers to the Life Science Industry such as world class research institutions, academic infrastructure, a pool of trained employees, and access to financial capital. San Diego has more than 400 biotechnology firms.

- VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next regular meeting will be April 21, 2004 from 3 P.M to 5P.M.

- VIII. ADJOURN: There being no further business of the Commission; this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.